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1. DECEMBER 4 EDITION OF ZAGREB WEEKLY, "VJESNIK U SRIJEDU" (VUS), CARRIES STORY ON ZADAR TRIAL OF 16 ACCUSED OF FORMING AN "ILLEGAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION," CROATIAN LIBERATION REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (HORA). STORY PROVIDES SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LINKS OF HORA WITH EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING FACT THAT MEMBERS HELD THREE MEETINGS IN ZADAR WITH EMIGRE REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIAN REVOLUTIONARY BROTHERHOOD (CRB). HORA ALSO ALLEGEDLY DECIDED TO "ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN AMBASSADORS AND COUNTRIES." IN ADDITION, HORA REPORTEDLY INTENDED TO SEND TO UN A PETITION ABOUT "SO-CALLED CROATIAN QUESTION." ARTICLE REHASHES TERRORIST PLANS OF GROUP, INCLUDING INTENTION TO HIJACK AIRCRAFT AND HOLD TRAVELERS HOSTAGE IN RETURN FOR MONEY AND "RELEASE FROM PRISON OF DJODAN, VESELICA, AND OTHER BEARERS OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY."

2. ACCORDING TO VUS, THE MAJORITY OF THE DEFENDANTS WERE SEIZED IN JUNE. REMAINDER WERE ROUNDED UP IN JULY AND AUGUST--WITH EXCEPTION OF PAVLE PEROVIC, WHO ESCAPED CAPTURE.

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VUS CLAIMS SOME OF ACCUSED WERE WELL KNOWN IN ZADAR "BECAUSE OF

EARLIER POLITICAL AND PARTY CONDEMNATION...RECEIVED AFTER THE TWENTY FIRST SESSION." TWO DEFENDANTS, PETAR VULETA AND PETAR SALE, HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONVICTED FOR "CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE;" THE FORMER HAVING RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF 15 MONTHS AND THE LATTER A YEAR AND ONE-HALF STRICT IMPRISONMENT. ONCE IN CAPTIVITY, VUS REPORTS THAT MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ATTEMPTED TO SHIFT BLAME TO OTHERS. AT LEAST ONE, HOWEVER, APPEARS UNBOWED. WHEN ASKED HIS PROFESSION, DEFENDANT JOSIP BILUSIC REPLIED: "INNKEEPER. SERVANT OF THE CROATIAN PEOPLE." VUS REPORTS THAT THE TRIAL HAS "JUST BEGUN." EXTENSIVE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING 30 WITNESSES, REPORTEDLY WILL BE PRESENTED AGAINST DEFENDANTS.

3. VUS ARTICLE OFFERS FEW SIGNIFICANT NEW DETAILS ABOUT HORA. ACCORDING TO VUS, HOWEVER, THE TRIAL OF THE 16 "OFTEN IS PRESENT IN CONVERSATIONS, AND NOT ONLY OF ZADAR CITIZENS." CURRENT ARTICLE, THEREFORE, PROBABLY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED TO REDUCE SPECULATION ABOUT TRIAL, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN PRESS SINCE ORIGINAL REPORTS.

4. CONGEN WILL TRANSMIT INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF VUS STORY BY LZUCH.  
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